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RESPONSE TO CLAIM RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2001 requiring restriction of inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6 and 13-18.

The restriction requirement is traversed because it is believed that all of the claimed inventions are sufficiently related to each other to be examined in one patent application.

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